

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Abstract has been objected to by the Examiner because the Abstract provided is that of the PCT and is not on a separate sheet. Applicants have herewith provided the Abstract on a separate sheet.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-18 and 36-75 are allowed, and that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 OG 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,

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